GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ALL WEATHER TWO TWIN TUNNELS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is constructing Asia's longest all- weather two twin tunnels on the NH-1A connecting Jammu with Srinagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these tunnels will reduce the travel time by at least five hours; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the various facilities to be provided in the tunnels to facilitate the travelling public?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b) The Government has taken up the construction of two tunnels namely Chenani-Nashri tunnel (Lenght:-8.98 Km) and Quazigund-Banihal tunnel (Lenght8.45 Km) on NH-1A connecting Jammu with Srinagar.

(c) The construction of these tunnels is part of four laning of NH-1A from Srinagar to Jammu. The total travel time from Srinagar to Jammu after completion of four laning of Jammu-Srinagar Highway is likely to get reduce to 4.5 to 5 hrs as against the present travel time of 8.5 to 10 hrs.

(d) The tunnels shall be provided with the facilities viz. lighting, ventilation, telephone, fire fighting equipment, cross passes, safety arrangements etc.